



Salt Creek-FDT 1878

Difficulty: Moderate
Trail Use: Moderate
Length: 4.4 miles
Elevation: Starts at 8049 feet, ends at 10,044 feet, highest point 10,044 feet
Elevation Gain: +2010 feet - 15 feet = +1995 feet
Open To: Hiking, horseback riding, mtn biking

Access:

- From I-70 exit 147 for Eagle, turn south on Eby Creek Rd to the Route 6 roundabout.
- At roundabout, turn right (west) on Route 6/Grand Ave and travel 0.8 miles to next roundabout.
- At this roundabout, take the third right onto Sylvan Lake Road.
- Continue 1.6 miles to Brush Creek Road, and take a right on Brush Creek Road.
- Travel south on Brush Creek Rd. for about 5 miles to Bruce Creek Rd and turn left.
- Take an immediate left following the sign to Salt Creek.
- Follow this dirt road for 4.3 miles until you see the sign before the cattle guard marked “Public Access through Private Land - Stay On Trail”.
- Park here and walk 0.2 miles until you see the trail marker on the right leading into a small open area with Salt Creek on the right.

Trail Highlights:

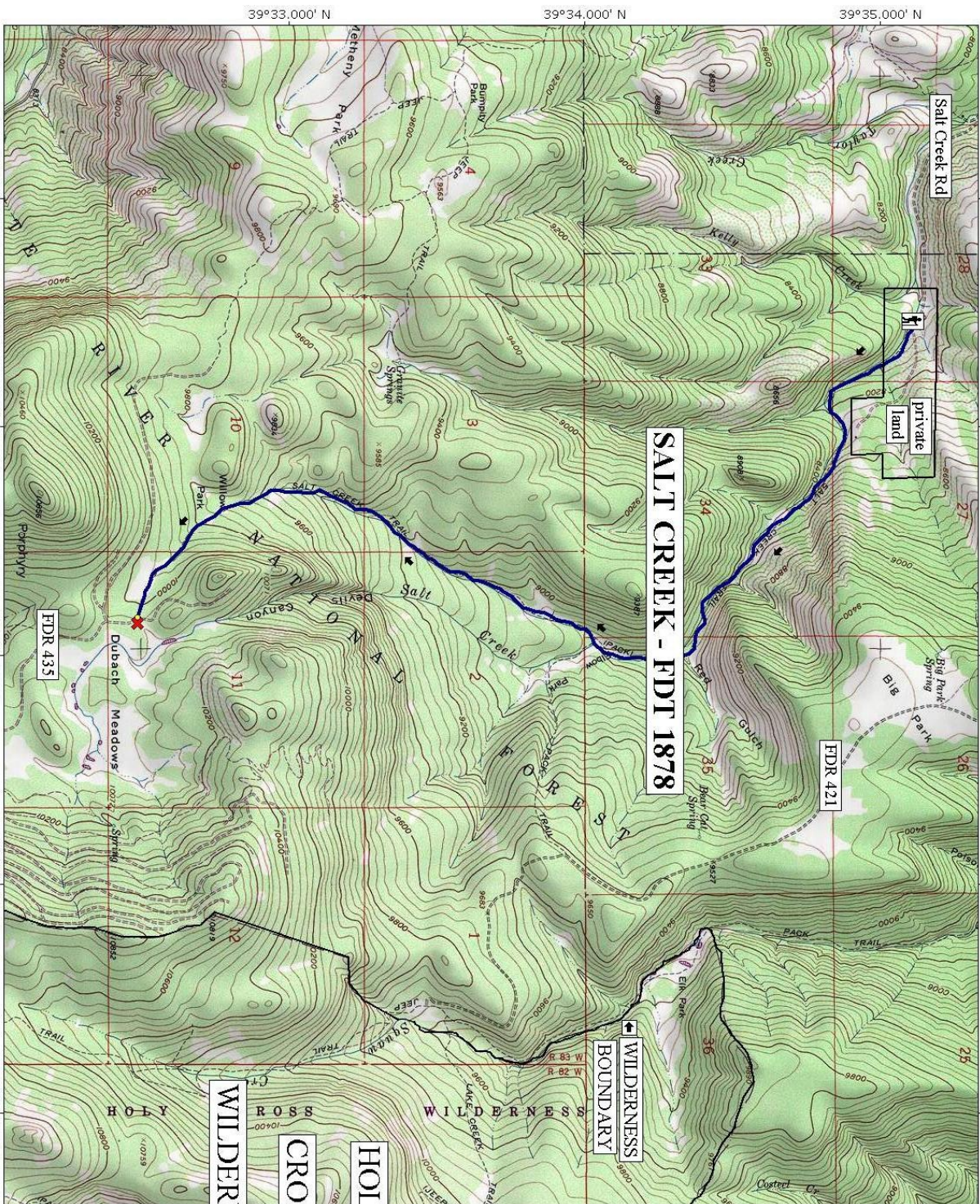
- The trail begins on an old road which goes through private land so be sure to stay on the trail.
- The trail is well maintained as it runs along the drainage of Salt Creek with a mixture of spruce, fir, aspen, and brush, you will pass through two gates.
- The trail climbs moderately crossing the creek several times, after the fifth creek crossing the trail opens up to a meadow called Elbow Park. The trail is a bit difficult to find here, but walk straight through the meadow with the creek to your left and the trail will pick up again.
- You will go through another gate, and cross the creek again, be sure to keep the creek to your right for the rest of the trail.
- You will pass Willow Park and the trail will continue as an old jeep road, this will lead you to the junction with FDR 435, where the trail ends.
- In the distance, from the road, you can see Dubach Meadows, this area was once heavily logged but has recovered well, supporting a variety of wildlife. The view is breathtaking. The small ponds are home to ducks with some signs of beaver. This area is a good place to spot deer and elk, and possibly coyotes and porcupine.
- New York Mountain rises up not too far in the distance along with other peaks in the Sawatch Range.

Important Information:

- ALL DISTANCES ARE ONE WAY.

PACK IT IN—PACK IT OUT!! LEAVE NO TRACE!!

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SUGGESTS PURCHASING A TOPOGRAPHIC TRAIL MAP AND COMPASS PRIOR
TO BEGINNING A HIKING TRIP.



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HIDR 421

HJDR 435

WILDERNESS
BOUNDARY

106°42.000' W 106°41.000' W 106°40.000' W 106°39.000' W 106°38.000' W

39°33.000' N 39°34.000' N 39°35.000' N

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